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# Message from President Birge

Dear Members of the Class of 2016:

On behalf of the faculty and staff, congratulations on your graduation from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts! Earning your bachelor's or master's degree is a significant achievement and will open doors as you choose your next steps. Please continue leading by example and making a difference in the world as you have done during your time at MCLA.

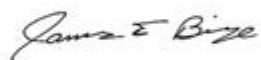
The pages in this yearbook are filled with memories of your time at MCLA — a visual journal of your many accomplishments during this important year in your life. You will see highlights of your scholarship, leadership and service, performances and exhibits, and competitiveness on the courts and fields. Thank you for your vibrant and lasting imprint on our community.

I encourage you to apply what you have learned at MCLA to every aspect of your life. Become involved in your community, be helpful and compassionate citizens, continue to learn and ask questions. In my charge to you at Commencement, I shared the motto of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts — *Lux esto vera*: In light there is truth. Use your light to reveal what you can do to improve the world for us all.

I hope that your warm memories and deep relationships with friends, faculty, and staff will keep you connected to MCLA. Please keep in touch with the Alumni Office so we can continue to celebrate your accomplishments. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming alumni events.

I wish each member of the Class of 2016 all the best!

Sincerely,



James F. Birge, Ph.D.  
President



CLASS OF 2016

# Senior Portraits



*"The journey  
doesn't start at  
the beginning, it  
begins at the  
end."*



# 2016



Nathan Alibozek



Christiana Ampofo



Ian Angell



Natasha Antona



Sierra Bailey



Hayden Barber



Jessica Barcher



Hannah Bearup



Wilhelmina Beeler



Ashley Blevins



Britney Blevins



Shadea Blyther



Sherry Burdick



Laura Centarrino



Kelly Charest



Caitlin Chouinard



Alexis Clay



Kasey Conklin



Elizabeth Cook



Marisa Costain



Mark Cummings



Alyssa Dame



Khalill Dancy



Marra Dejesus



Rachel Deschamps



Elizabeth Diaz



Christina Doherty



Giovanni Dulcio



Noelle Dumont



Jacklyn Dwyer



Emily Ericson



Daelle Exinor



Paige Fairman



Monique Ferrecchia



Benjamin Finley



Rose Fitzmaurice



Erika Flannery



Oliver Freda



Brittany Gallacher



Dahlia Gallagher



Torin Gannon



Jamine Garcia



Gascard Gaston



Cody Gawle



Alison Gilbert



Cassandra Goulette



Kyla Graves



Virginia Graves



Taylor Graziola



Agnella Gross



Benjamin Harvish



Colby Harvish



Tiearra Henson



Nicholas Hernigle



Alex Hicks-Courant



Amanda Hoag



Benjamin Hoyt



Joshua Hunter



Kassandra Jernegan



Tazia Johnson

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Kenya Joseph



Robert Jutras



Alexandra Kadell



Courtney Keefe



Sean Kenney



Cassandra Lachance



Evana Lashus-Williams



Amanda Lebaron



Chelsea Lefebvre



Monique Lemay



Alexander Lopez



Abigail Lucas



Kaz Lukacs



Anna Maffett



Charles Marquis



Paul Maurice



Morgan McCarthy



Makayla-Courtney McGeeney



Kelsey McGonigle



Rachel McLoughlin



Jillian Meyerson



Elaine Myers



Jessica Nagy



Rachel Newkirk



Grace Ngobo Toko Mbonda



Brittany Nicholson



Gionna Nourse



Jenna O'connor



Shannon O'hara



Joseph O'neil



Emily O'toole



Zachary Page



Evan Patev



Sean Pease



Allison Pepi



Stephanie Perez



Angelica Perfido



Aaron Perkins



Allison Pevay



Waikhine Phu



Evan Pirnie



Elizabeth Pitroff



Gabriella Prata



Kyrie Rainville



Erinn Rayno



Nino Rivera



David Robert



Alan Robinette



Tausha Rocke



Arkeem Samuel



Cristian Fabian Sanchez Antonio



Troy Segala



Ryan Shook



Veronica Sniezek



Kevin Stadnik



Dylan Straczek



Darien Sullivan



Rebecca Szczygiel



Casey Thomas



Emily Thomas



Alexander Tierney



Tyler Vona



Kirsten Westermann

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# *2016 Class Officers*



President- Kelsey McGonigle  
Vice President- Alexandra Kadell  
Treasurer- Nicholas Hernigle  
Secretary- Alison Gilbert

# Academics



"The most advantageous aspect of MCLA's academic programming is the college's small size. The smallness of MCLA classes affords students the opportunity to develop deeper intellectual relationships with their professors. In so doing professors learn, understand, and cultivate the various and sundry passions of their students thereby allowing for unparalleled intellectual exploration and academic attainment."

~Zachary Feury '16





# *In the Classroom and Beyond*



"I'm so proud of the education that I received and the opportunities and connections I made because of it. I was able to pursue my passion for Theatre while learning valuable skills in Arts Management at the same time and made life long friendships as well."  
~Zachary Page '16







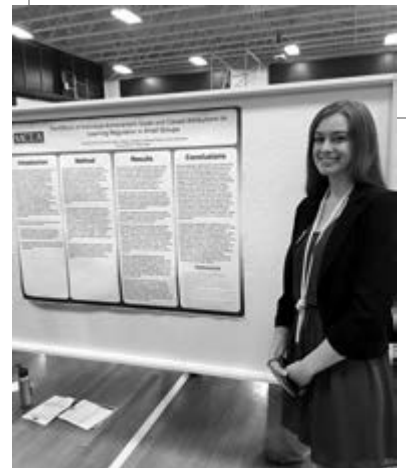
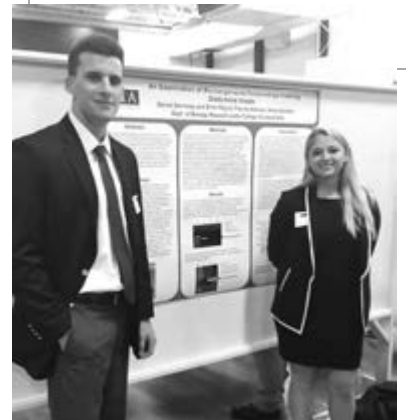
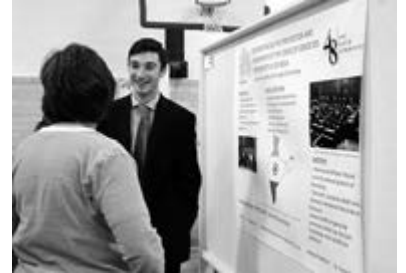
Writing Associates



*"We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face...we must do that which we think we cannot."*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*





# Putting the Art





# in Liberal Arts





# CANDIDS





# Women's Soccer



## **Women's Soccer:**

*Aleah Sangiovanni, Kayla Lingel, Courtney Hayer, Natalie Caney, Lauren Mangiardi, Katie Mancini, Kaylee Quenneville, Casey Poplaski, Chelsey Simmons, Marisa Sprague, Alison Davey, Kathryn Daly, Brianna Morris, Allyson Ferrell, Molly Gurner, Brittany Whitford, Kelsey Alfonso, Tazia Johnson, Jackie Dwyer, Paige Fairman, Darien Sullivan, Alexi Anderson, and Sychiah Johnson.*

*Head Coach: Deb Raber*

*Assistant Coach: Bob Tator*

*Volunteer Coaches: Sarah Tator and Josh Mendel*



# Men's Soccer



## ***Men's Soccer:***

*Oscar Castro, Nicholas Castle, Ryan Baker, Dylan Mcardle, Kamron Anderson, Andrew Haier, Khalil Kareh, Tyler Vona, Christopher Valente, Kwadwo Kusi, Nolan Burke, Nilson Neto, Joseph Tavella, Anthony Basile, Tyler Callahan, Sean Kenney, Rodger Coryell, Chris Shea, Dylan Pereira, Patrick Mahoney, Edgar Asamoah, Jesse Moore, Sakan Sadowsky, Anthony Bonacio, and Edwaard Boateng.*

*Head Coach: Adam Hildabrand*

*Assistant Coach: Casey Baker*

*Volunteer Coaches: Scott Botto And Griffin Labbance*





# Men's Cross Country



## *Men's Cross Country:*

Avery Woodbury, Drew Weisse, Adam Sleezer, Matt Aceto, Michael McAndrew, Ryan McMahon, Christopher Gamble  
Head Coach: Rob Calantuono





***Women's Cross Country:***  
*Cat Marceau, Aunna Shamlian, Kaitlin Wright, Kaitlin Gevry,*  
*Allie Therrien, Annie Gagnon, Paige Herzog, and Meaghan Fuller.*  
***Head Coach: Monica Conlin***



# W o m e n ' s C r o s s C o u n t r y



# (Women's Volleyball)



## ***Women's Volleyball***

Ashley Lowell, Brittney Pihl, Allison Clark, Brianne O'Rourke, Margaret Allen, Melissa Hopkins, Samantha Anderson, Rebecca Godbout, Samantha DeCarlo, beatrice Lechler, Angelica Perfido, Courtney Parent, Rachel Mills, Chanielle Enomoto, Michelle Laga, Tayler Wiese, and Morgan McCarthy.

Head Coach: Amanda Beckwith

Assistant Coach: Nick Witherell

Assistant Coach: Wayne Wells



## ***Women's Tennis***

Kylie Dumas, Anna Despart, Taylor Turner, Rebecca Waterhouse, Lyna Benantar, Ashley Juskhas, Mariza Sfakianaki, Shelby Gauthier, Emily Deaso, and Samantha Gawron.

Head Coach: Holly McGovern

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Jerel Dydowicz







### ***Women's Basketball***

Anna Despart, Ashley Clawson, Brayleigh Hanlon, Courtney McLaughlin, Samantha Gawron, Emily Moulton, Emily Castle, Svetlana Morrell, Kayla Hotaling, I'Rae Brundige, Courtney Pingelski, Courtney Durivage, Karina Mattera, Paige Vincent, and McKenzie Robinson.

Head Coach: Holly McGovern

Assistant Coach: June Blake



## **Women's Basketball**







### ***Men's Basketball***

Dakari Hannah-Wornum, Andrew Lavelle, Joseph Wiggins, Adam Conquest, Anderson Dalmace, Isshiah Coleman, Tyler Mckay, Merle Darling, Ki-Shawn Monroe, Careem Kirksey, Joshwa Hall, Travis Rice, Paul Maurice, Khalil Paul, and Collin Parrott.

Head Coach: Tony Skiffington

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# MEN'S BASKETBALL

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# Men's Tennis

Jared Freeman, Robert Gair, Aaron Goldsmith, Richard Larocque, Jeffrey Mason, Jack Peterson,  
Michael Rooney, and Robert Wabshinak  
Head Coach: Trevor Grimshaw





James Clark, Cooper Gavin, Sam Slocombe, Hunter Woodbury, and Nick Young  
Head Coaches: Steve Terpak  
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Fred Goerlach

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## ***Men's Golf***

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# SOFTBALL



Sierra Bailey, Sam Boyle, Francesca Belli, Abigail Lucas, Julie Watson, Alexandra Romano, Rachel Quackenbush, Chelsea Coleman, Jennifer Sicinski, Angelica Perfido, Katelyn Henault, Michaela DiNicola, Jamie Meehan, and Katie Berghela

Head Coach: Jamie Trudeau

Assistant Coach: Kristin Hidabrand

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Jamie Prudhomme





# Baseball



Myles Candelet, Billy Pulasky, Todd Hunt, Matt Tobin, Robert Jutras, Joe DiMassimo, Nate Alibozek, Frank Rickus, Nate Gutmann, Andrew Casteel, Ben Harvish, Brendan Kelly, Ryan Shook, Eamonn Andre, Slayter Aubin, Antonio Archina, Brett Labonte, Nick DiSanti, Liam Nolan, Brenden Wincek

Head Coach: Mike Gladu,

Assistant Coach: Paul Snizek and Rick Guyette

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Gary Polombo



# Women's Lacrosse



Taylor Brewer, Tanelle Ciempa, Erin McNulty, Svetiana Morrell, Gabriella Prata, Mackenzie Gregory, Mackenzie Cutler, Courtney Gabrus, Natalie Caney, Andrea Villars, Zoe Elwell, Sundra Lam, Rachel Green, Lauren Sharer, Zoe Schwartz, and Erinn Rayno  
Head Coach: Maria Bartini



# Clubs & Organizations



### **African Student Association**

President: Bridget Forson  
Vice President: Grace Ngobo Toko  
Treasurer: Ibrahim Wanu  
Secretary: Natalie Herbert



### **Aikido Club**

President: Ames  
Vice President: Gillian McRitchie  
Treasurer: Kyle Oxx  
Secretary: Allison Spivack



### **Allegrettos**

Presidents: Monique Lemay & Kyrie Rainville  
Vice President: Brendan Carmichael  
Treasurer: Nia Scott  
Secretary: Ariella Lafontant

### **American Sign Language**

President: Selena Barber  
Vice President: Salma Mohamud  
Secretary: Erin Carney



### **Anime Club**

President: Eric Perez-Fonseca  
Vice President: Anthony Santiago  
Treasurer: Wilhelmina Beeler  
Secretary: Sean Konkol







### **Asian & American Union**

President: Makayla Parkin  
 Vice President: Samantha Hamilton  
 Treasurers: Davis Turell & Kelly Gibson  
 Secretary: Jessica Sawicki

### **The Beacon**

President: Makayla McGeeney  
 Vice President: Nicholas Swanson  
 Treasurer: Samuel Stuhler  
 Secretary: Harmony Birch



### **Beta Lambda**

President: Natasha Antona  
 Vice President: Jacqueline Kelly  
 Treasurer: Alphonsina Disla  
 Secretary: Courtney Johnson

### **Biology Club**

President: Taurus Londono  
 Vice President: Amanda LeBarron  
 Treasurer: Adam Trent Sams  
 Secretary: Samuel Winkley



### **Black Student Union**

Presidents: Giovani Dulcio & Destiny Sparks  
 Vice President: Venise Murphy  
 Treasurer: Mariah Cavallaro  
 Secretary: Isabel McKenzie



### **Book Club**

President: Kathryn Donnelly  
Vice President: Lauren Levite  
Treasurer: Lindsey Doucette  
Secretary: Jaclyn Ordway



### **Cheerleading Squad**

President: Kenya Joseph  
Vice President: Sasha Bain  
Treasurer: Adazae Shepherd-Edwards  
Secretary: Natalia Reyes

### **Cape Verdean Student Alliance**

President: Whanellely Guerrero  
Vice President: Evana Lashus-Williams  
Treasurer: Tenea Davis  
Secretary: Destiny Sparks



### **Christian Fellowship**

President: Austin Hill  
Vice President: Rebecca Patterson  
Treasurer: Cassandra Lavoie  
Secretary: Emily Ericson

### **College Against Cancer**

President: Joshua Hunter  
Vice President: Nia Scott  
Treasurer: Kelly Charest  
Secretary: Allison Pevay



### **Computer Society**

President: Kyle Jensen  
 Vice President: Nate Steward  
 Treasurer: Andy Pelico  
 Secretary: Austin Thompson



### **Crafting Club**

President: Idalis Foster  
 Vice President: Katrina McColl  
 Treasurer: Courtney Chester  
 Secretary: Khalil Dancy



### **Dance Company**

President: Colleen Regal & Bryanna Bradley  
 Vice President: Bernadette Dineen & Miesha Adams-Mclean  
 Treasurer: Victoria Cordisco & Taylar Jackson  
 Secretary: Abigail Baker



### **Enivornuts**

President: Elsa Rose Mastico  
 Vice President: Adam Trent Sams  
 Treasurer: Jonathan Saloio  
 Secretary: Samuel Winkley



### **Education Club**

President: Kayla Quinn  
 Vice President: Domonique Ackley  
 Treasurer: Sebastian Conrad  
 Secretary: Miranda Mooring



### **Fashion Student Organization**

President: Tiearra Henson  
 Vice President: Robyn Sims  
 Treasurer: Brittany Lang  
 Secretary: Lauren Galloway



### **Film Club**

President: Mitchell Chapman  
 Vice President: Alexander Horton  
 Treasurer: Mark O' Callaghan  
 Secretary: Alexander Stewart

### **Gaming Alliance**

President: Kaz Lukacs  
 Vice President: Matthew Hotaling  
 Treasurer: Samwise Fox  
 Secretary: Michael Masley Mannet

### **Good Vibes**

President: Mary Evelyn Lucier  
 Vice President: Sarah Tefft  
 Treasurer: Sabrina Superneau  
 Secretary: John Alex Hicks-Courant



### **Harlequin**

President: Brianna McDermott & Zachary Page  
 Vice President: Kathleen Sansone  
 Treasurer: Alexandra Sasso  
 Secretary: Danielle DeLamater





### **History Society**

President: Jessica Barcher  
Vice President: Cassandra LaChance  
Treasurer: Alexis Clay  
Secretary: Kaitlyn Vogel

### **Inter-Greek Council**

President: Jacob Fennel  
Vice President: Daniel Schenkel  
Treasurer: Bethany O'Neil  
Secretary: Nicholas Swanson



### **Latin American Society**

President: Elizabeth Diaz  
Vice President: Alphonsina Disla  
Treasurer: Steven Santiago  
Secretary: Ludwin Chacon



### **Mathematics Society**

President: Satchel Lefebvre  
Vice President: Cara Pacitti  
Treasurer: Kayla LaVoice  
Secretary: Stephen Raftery



### **Multicultural Student Society**

President: Bridget Forson  
Vice President: Mariah Cavallaro  
Treasurer: Whannelly Guerrero  
Secretary: Elizabeth Diaz

### **NEXXUS**

President: Jonathan Cherry  
Vice President: Tenea Davis  
Treasurer: Shy-Yanna Neal  
Secretary: Natalie Herbet



### **Outdoor Trailblazers**

President: Mary Glaubitz  
Vice President: Samuel Payne  
Treasurer: Garet Gonzalez  
Secretary: Benjamin Hoyt



### **Pi Upsilon Pi**

President: Nicholas Swanson  
Vice President: Callen Gardner  
Treasurer: Daniel Schenkel  
Secretary: Jesse Burhnam



### **Photography Club**

President: Mike Friedman  
Vice President: Domonique Ackley  
Treasurer: Sebastian Conrad  
Secretary: Jonathan Hoel



### **Psychology Club**

President: Sarah Jean Peck  
Vice President: Milena Casamassima  
Treasurer: Alison Clark  
Secretary: Matt Luz



### **Political Science Club**

President: Amber Coombe  
Vice President: Nicole LoGiudice  
Treasurer: Julie Leva  
Secretary: Siobhan Greene



### **Queer Student Union**

President: Oliver Freda  
Vice President: Natalie Carpentier  
Treasurer: Devin Rayner  
Secretary: Khalil Dancy



### **Ski Club**

President: Jacob Kress  
Vice President: Dylan Caples  
Treasurer: Kyle Jensen  
Secretary: Zachary Benjamin



### **Rugby Club**

President: Marcus A. Neverson  
Vice President: Austin Jones  
Treasurer: Aaron Lopes  
Secretary: Ryan Perkins

### **SLAM Poetry**

President: Brittany Lang  
Vice President: John Alex Hicks-Courant  
Treasurer: Margaret Kase  
Secretary: Robyn Sims

### **Society of Physics Students**

President: Alexander McKinney  
Vice President: Stephen Raftery  
Treasurer: Joshua Colon  
Secretary: Meaghan Fuller

### **STAGE**

President: Hannah Bearup  
Vice President: Natalie Carpentier  
Treasurer: Court Smith  
Secretary: Agnelia Gross



### **Sociology Society**

President: Jenna O'Connor  
Vice President: Cassandra LaChance  
Treasurer: Joshua Hunter  
Secretary: Dahlia Gallagher

### **Student Activities Council**

President: Alexander Lopez  
Vice President: Gabrielle Brown  
Treasurer: Joelle Dumot  
Secretary: Samantha O'Brien

### **Student-Athlete Advisory Council**

President: Eamonn Andre  
Vice President: Sychiah Johnson  
Treasurer: Ashley Clawson  
Secretary: Rachel Mills



### **Students for Democratic Society**

President: Harmony Birch  
Vice President: Katherine Rowell  
Treasurer: Deven Philbrick  
Secretary: John Alex Hicks-Couran





### **Students For Sensible Drug Policy**

President: Milena Casamassima  
 Vice President: Kristina Alexander  
 Treasurer: Cedar Firesong Robideau  
 Secretary: John Alex Hicks-Couran



### **Student Government Association**

President: Alexandra Kadell  
 Executive Vice President: Daniel Wohler  
 Coordinating Vice President: Kelsey McGonigle  
 Treasurer: Brianne O'Rourke  
 Parliamentarian: Tyler Spencer  
 Public Relations: Samantha Giffen  
 Chairperson: Alison Gilbert  
 Secretary: Lauren Tomaszczuk  
 Student Trustee: Nicholas Hernigle

### **The Wildlife Society**

President: Taylor Jae Tabor  
 Vice President: Jamien Merservey  
 Treasurer: Nicholas DiCristofaro  
 Secretary: Edna Pires

### **WJJW**

President: Timonty P. Williams  
 Vice President: Jordan Goyette  
 Treasurer: Sean Kelleher  
 Secretary: Courtney Chester



### **Writer's Guild**

President: Caitlin O'Neil  
 Vice President: Margaret Gugarty  
 Treasurer: Jessica Nagy  
 Secretary: Matthew Hotaling

### **Yorick Club**

President: Mallory Schettine  
 Vice President: Margaret Kase  
 Treasurer: Kiley Clancy  
 Secretary: Julie Castagna  
 Other Executives: Robyn Thiel & Emily Meidenbauer

### **Unitarians In Action**

President: John Alex Hicks-Courant  
 Vice President: Rose Fitzmaurice  
 Treasurer: Timothy P. Williams  
 Secretary: Rebecca Waterhouse



# ***Campus Events***





# ***Midnight Madness***

# ALANA Events



Cape Verdean  
Student  
Alliance









# *Dance Company*







# *Allegrettos*



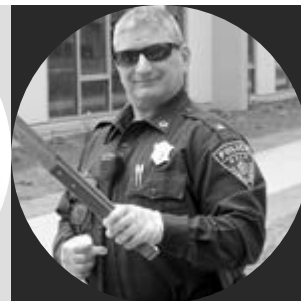
# NeXXus



# Faculty and Staff









# Student Government Association



# Peer Advisors☆☆☆



# Resident Advisors







# NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL HONORARY (NRHH)

# ***LEAD Staff***



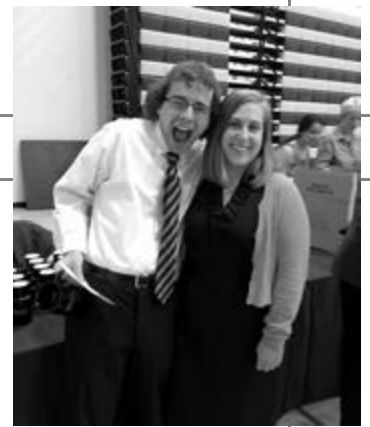


# ***Orientation Leaders***

# T H R O W B A C K S







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# SENIOR DAYS



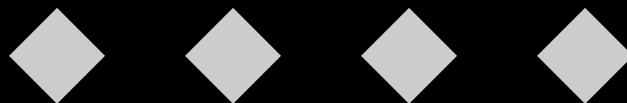
"Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."





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# [2016]

## *Baccalaureate Ceremony*







We Are More

We look to new opportunities.

We are the defenders of knowledge.

We are the pride of our parents, and our grandparents,  
and their parents before them.

We are dedicated and determined to show exactly who  
we are.

We are more than you see, and we are more than you  
know.

Our hopes, desires, and aspirations, we will achieve  
them.

Our accomplishments are encompassed by our  
experiences.

We are more than just a degree or a grade point average.

We have persevered, we know pressure and pain.

We have worked long nights and early mornings.

We have pushed ourselves in an effort to rise to each  
and every occasion.

We are more than papers and presentations.

We pride ourselves on setting new paths, but we will use  
the wisdom of those who came before.

Our professors, our parents and our people have guided  
us to this point.

We hold the unknown in our hands, and we have the  
notion that we will become greater.

We are more than the past, and we will become a future.

We will contribute to the rise of a new being,  
an intellectual, an artist, an elementary teacher,  
an athlete, philosopher, or maybe even an English  
student.

We are more than a major.

We know our community, and we have strived to give  
back.

We have been humbled, we have been blessed.

We have had a chance to make a difference.

We are more than students, we are a generation.

We are MCLA

We are the Class of 2016

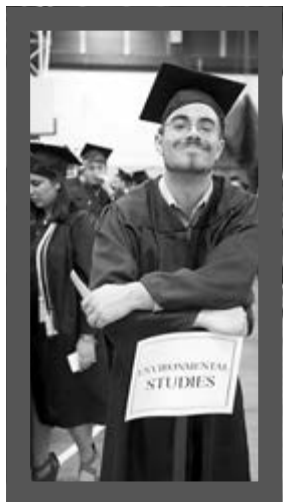
We are more than the end.

We are the beginning.



# Commencement

*We did it!*



# Congrats Grad!







